

Bank Opens War Against Bad Checks

A counter-offensive against bogus check artists who hilk merchants of a reported \$25 million annually in California will be launched by the Bank of America Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The campaign will get under way in Los Angeles County with a mobile clinic to help merchants cut down bad check losses, as well as counterfeit money, and short change losses.

Known as the Merchants Loss Prevention Clinic, it will be conducted by staging one-night stands before merchant audiences in 500 branches of the bank during the next two years.

Estimates of total annual losses on fictitious checks run as high as \$800 million for the nation and \$25 million for California.

State law enforcement officials in Sacramento point out that true loss figures are hard to calculate because only a fraction of the number of fraudulent checks passed are reported to police. Even so, projections based on known reports indicate the loss figure in California could have run as high as \$48 million in 1961, for example.

Main feature of the Bank of America clinic is an 18-minute soundslide color film entitled "They Shall Not Pass." The film shows how bad check and cash losses occur, what can be done to prevent them, and the defenses merchants can use to protect themselves.

The film also emphasizes that identification, printed checks, etc. used by legitimate check writers, can be and are employed by professional check passing rings.

Although the bank's clinic deals mainly with bad checks, it also features an eight-minute soundslide film on the proper methods of handling cash. This film shows many of the techniques used by short change artists.

Local schedules for the clinic, which will be staged in different branch offices three nights a week, will be announced locally as the mobile clinic travels from city to city.

Space Tech Labs Among Leaders

In figures released by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Space Technology Laboratories is shown to be among the nation's leading contractors in winning NASA business.

STL had a greater dollar volume of NASA contracts in fiscal 1962 than many of the nation's largest aerospace and electronics contractors. Also listed among the top space contractors was STL's parent corporation, Thompson Ramo Wooldridge.

One of STL's most important NASA projects is the Orbiting Geophysical Observatory (OGO) spacecraft. The first OGO will be launched early next year and carry as many as 50 scientific experimental devices into space in its huge 1,000-lb. body and projecting booms.

Under other NASA contracts, STL has completed numerous studies, computed trajectories for Mariner flights coordinated auxiliary tracking networks, and processed data from space missions.

STL was responsible for the conception, design, fabrication, checkout, launch, tracking and data reduction associated with such spacecraft as Pioneer I, Explorer VI and Pioneer V.

New products introduced by the company during the past year included the Tetrahedral Research Satellite (TRS), which offers low cost and high reliability for space mapping and systems suited for space rendezvous operations with other vehicles, including an accurate solid state radar-ranging system and an efficient variable thrust hypergolic liquid rocket engine.

It has also designed and manufactured solar simulation system based on carbon arcs which produces light closely approximating sunlight as it exists in space.



BABY ANIMALS SURROUND Carol Brooks, hoping the Baby Zoo in Jungland at Thousand Oaks, that she has brought some tasty tid-bits for them to

Hahn Seeks Transfer Of Judges

State legislation to allow the transfer of judges and cases from one Municipal Court District to another today has been proposed by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, chairman of the courts department on the board of supervisors.

"This legislation is vitally needed for Los Angeles County to help meet the huge backlog of cases pending in our courts," Hahn said.

He said there are 23 Municipal Court Districts in the county, some of which are greatly overworked and others which need to hold sessions only once or twice a week.

In obtaining Board of Supervisor approval for his program, Hahn stipulated that the transfer of either cases or judges would be at the discretion of the presiding judge of the courts involved.

"This move is part of a program to reduce the cost to the taxpayers for the administration of justice, while at the same time increasing the efficiency of the courts," Hahn said.

"When put into effect, it will eliminate the need for hiring more judges and building courtrooms and could amount to a \$2 million savings annually," he added.

The Board of Supervisors backed Hahn fully in the proposal as Los Angeles County went on record as sponsor of the legislation, to be proposed during the 1963 session of the state legislature.

"There currently are 100 municipal court judges in the 23 districts," Hahn pointed out. "If each had a full docket daily the present workload could be accomplished without adding new judges."

Hahn's latest action follows his move to declare a moratorium on the hiring of any more superior or municipal court judges this year, which was approved by the board of supervisors.

Hi-Shear Sales Hit \$4 Million For 3 Quarters

George S. Wing, president, Hi-Shear Corp., has announced fiscal nine-months operating results of the 20-year-old company which designs and produces fastening systems.

For the nine months ended Nov. 30, 1962, sales totaled \$4,550,317 and net income, after taxes, was \$68,080, or 13 cents per share based on 515,340 common shares outstanding. This compared with sales of \$4,272,119 and net income of \$242,951, or 47 cents per share on the same number of shares for the nine months ended Nov. 30, 1961.

Wing largely attributed the decline in earnings to rising costs and increased expenses connected with



DIFFICULT SHOT is discussed by golfers Walt Nelson (left) and Bob Etter at the site of the new Los Verdes Golf Course. Earth movers in the background are leveling the site for a new \$470,000 club house. Work on the golf course has just begun, and it is expected to be done in 255 days. The course is located on the southern slope of the Palos Verdes Peninsula adjoining the Monte Verde development.



MEMBERS OF THE BOARD of Governors of the Harbor Chapter of the American Institute of Banking spend many hours planning various and interesting forums and seminars for institute members who wish to advance in the field of banking. At left is Gale Gardner, Bank of America, Torrance, and at right is Jerry Schultz, Bank of America, as they register Al Boyens, Security First National Bank, for the public speaking contest to be held tonight, Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Elks Club, 4101 E. Willow St. Mrs. Giannini Hoffman will address the speakers and guests.

greatly expanded facilities. Wing said, "With recent additions to plant and personnel, we are geared to a greatly increased production volume. As production hits its new stride, we expect profits to improve substantially."

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